



The Mark of the Beast

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“Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

Revelation 14:12

1. THREE ANGELS, ONE WARNING

Revelation 14:6-7

The first angel carries “the everlasting gospel” to every nation: “Fear God... and WORSHIP HIM THAT MADE heaven, and earth, and the sea.”

Revelation 14:8-10

The second: “Babylon is fallen.” The third: “If any man WORSHIP the beast and his image, and RECEIVE HIS MARK in his forehead, or in his hand...”

2. THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS WORSHIP

It's not 666. It's not a chip. It's not physical. Revelation presents TWO GROUPS: one worships the Creator (14:7), one the beast (14:9).

Revelation 4:11

“Thou art worthy, O Lord... for THOU HAST CREATED ALL THINGS.” The basis of all true worship is that God is our Creator.

3. HAS GOD LEFT A SIGN OF HIS CREATIVE AUTHORITY?

Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day... For in six days THE LORD MADE heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD BLESSED the Sabbath day, and HALLOWED it.”

Ezekiel 20:12

“I also gave them MY SABBATHS, to be a SIGN between them and Me... that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.”

To break the Sabbath is to move away from true worship.

4. WHAT IS THE SEAL OF GOD?

Romans 4:11

“He received the SIGN of circumcision, a SEAL of the righteousness of the faith.” Seal = Sign = Mark — one idea.

Revelation 7:2-3

“...till we have SEALED the servants of our God in their FOREHEADS.” The seal of God, or the mark of the beast — there is no third group.

Isaiah 8:16; Esther 8:8

“Bind up the testimony, SEAL the LAW among my disciples.” A seal identifies who is in charge and shows ownership.

5. GOD'S SEAL CONTAINS

NAME: “the LORD your God.” TITLE: Creator — “the LORD made.” TERRITORY: “heaven and earth, the sea.” All three sit in the fourth commandment, and nowhere else in the law.

Hebrews 8:10

“I will put My laws in their MIND and write them on their HEARTS; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

6. WHO CLAIMS AUTHORITY TO CHANGE IT?

Daniel 7:25

“...and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS.”

St. Catherine Sentinel, May 21, 1995: “The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday... not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, BUT FROM THE CHURCH'S SENSE OF ITS OWN POWER.”

Decretal, De Translat. Episcop.: “The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.”

7. THE MARK IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST

C. F. Thomas for Cardinal Gibbons, Oct. 28, 1895: “Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act... And the act is a

MARK of her ecclesiastical POWER AND AUTHORITY in religious matters.”

Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923: “The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.”

Dies Domini, 1998, Pt. 63: Christians “FELT that they had the AUTHORITY to TRANSFER the meaning of the Sabbath to the day of the Resurrection.” Dictionary of the Liturgy, 1989: “Sunday Mass observance became a MARK of a practicing Catholic.”

The Mark of the Beast is simply the counterfeit sabbath — Sunday, the first day of the week, resting on a church's claimed authority instead of the Creator's.

8. NOBODY HAS IT YET

No one will receive the mark until religious legislation enforces the substitute sabbath. What exists today is a choice still open.

Revelation 13:15-17

Then: an image that can “cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed,” a mark on the hand or forehead, and no buying or selling without it.

Dies Domini, Pt. 67: Christians “will naturally strive to ensure that CIVIL LEGISLATION respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.” Catechism ¶2188: seek recognition of Sundays “as LEGAL HOLIDAYS.”

9. AND IT IS NOT 666

Our Sunday Visitor, 1915: the letters on the pope's mitre are “Vicarius Filii Dei.” VICARIUS = 112, FILII = 53, DEI = 501 — total 666. Interesting; but the mark is a day, not a number.

“This is not a matter of one day or another. It is a matter of authority and loyalty, made evident in obedience.”

See Revelation 14:12